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For: SHAPE DESIGN PROCESS OF ENGINEERING PRODUCTS AND  
PNEUMATIC TIRE DESIGNED USING THE PRESENT DESIGN PROCESS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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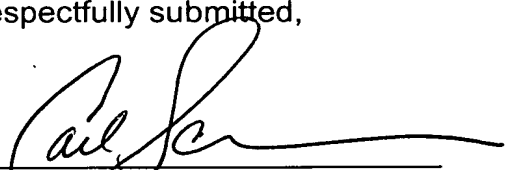
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 17, 2004, Applicants  
provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-9 without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject  
matter of the non-elected group.

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